

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2010 with the following members present: Carol Fisher, Bill Laitila, Peter Wickley, Bonnie Holland, Kathy Johnson, Frank Taucher and Steve Zutter.

Absent: Jim Bogan

Staff/Guests: Glenn Anderson

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Johnson to approve the November 1, 2010 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

- Heard that Miners State Bank had listed the old J.B. Sports building for sale with Century 21 with an asking price of \$128,000. The building includes 2 apartments.
- Discussed a preliminary proposal from Love, Inc. to reuse the Bradway Building at 116 Quincy St. Love Inc. would ask for a minimum of \$35,000 in city grant funds for materials to fix up the building. DDA members expressed concern that this may not be the best reuse for the building, and noted the group was under funded to take on such a large project.
- Heard that Fred Raffaelli, owner of Bleachers Bar had declined the DDA's offer to pay for one-half the cost of filling in the coal chute in the buildings basement.
- Heard that Mark Johnson, Gartner's Furniture, had utilized the architect services for the façade of the carpet/light fixture building.
- Heard that John Gervais, new owner of UP Hill 41, had not yet agreed to the design offer made by the DDA.

- Heard that Thomas Ruonavaara had purchased the WMPL building located at 324 Quincy St., and he was briefed on the DDA façade mini-grant.
- Heard that Harbanero's still needed additional capital to complete the renovation, and was working with the Liquor Control Commission on securing its liquor license.

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- Heard that Pat's IGA planned to upgrade its façade in 2011.
- Thanked all persons who participated in the rescheduled Christmas Walk event, which had a good turn out.
- Heard the Crystal Room building was purchased by Karen and Denny Lanto from Superior National Bank, and they plan to renovate the storefront into 2 units and upgrade the 2 upstairs apartments. The Lanto's expect to use one of the storefronts to open a new resale/antique shop.
- Heard Northwind Real Estate has purchased the building and opened up its office at 1053 S. Lincoln Dr.

The DDA inspected three 6 foot long and one 5 foot long jewelry cases removed from the basement of Miller's Jewelry, and decided to set an asking price of \$990 for each case unit. The units are now stored at city hall. It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Holland to set an asking price of \$990 per case.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA looked at an artists rendering of the proposed façade of the Middle School building now owned by Finlandia Universtiy. FU has plans to undertake a \$5 million renovation of the building to convert it to house the College of Health Sciences. The project would include replacing all the exterior windows.

FU is planning in 2011 to add a 2,400 sq. ft. addition to the 1st floor of the Finlandia Hall Building and relocate the campus cafeteria to the building. In addition, FU is looking at options to add 80 new dorm beds to house students, although the project is not expected to begin until 2012 at the earliest.

FU is projecting an increase in January enrollment and an 8 to 10% increase in Fall 2011 enrollment.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Johnson and seconded by Taucher to adjourn at 6:10p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem

